

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: C. V. Luu
TERUYOSHI WASHIZAWA	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2128
Application No.: 10/812,868	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 4554
Filed: March 31, 2004	)	
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF	)	March 23, 2009
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Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Office Action dated December 23, 2008, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: